



# Romanby Newsflash

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It has been an even busier and more exciting time than normal in school recently.

The children in Reception and KS1 have really enjoyed the visits they have had in the last couple of weeks from various people as part of their Superhero Imaginative Learning Project. The support from the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, as well as from parents and friends who work as nurses or in veterinary surgeries has really enhanced their learning.

After a busy half term packed with fun learning activities linked to their 'Stargazers' project, the Y5/6 children had an open afternoon for parents to attend. Here is what they said about it:

"We had lots of fun taking part in a range of science activities. In Mrs Howe and Mrs Wood's classroom we were recreating the solar system using plasticine and making the different types of moons with Oreos. Most of the groups just rushed so they could eat the Oreos. We challenged our parents or guardians with a solar system test; this really tested their brains. In Miss Anderson's class we had to do a drawing of the UK then stick it onto a balloon in the right place (the balloon was the globe) and then show where the light should be coming from. In Mr Wake's class, we had the iPads to search some facts about space. We had the marshmallows with sticks to make the shape of our star sign. Most of us ate the marshmallows. They were yummy! It was a fantastic afternoon!"

Whenever our children represent school at any type of event it is always great to hear comments from people about how well behaved and polite they are. As well as setting a great example they will also now look great as well! Some of our school kit was looking a bit worn so thanks to the Friends of Romanby School we have been able to purchase some new hoodies to wear at events. In addition to this the Friends have also provided some money for the choir to all have the same school choir t-shirt for their various performances.

You may have heard that some schools in Northallerton are considering conversion to academy status as part of a multi-academy trust. This is something that the school governors have discussed over the past months and have decided not to proceed with at the present time. We will continue to work with local schools and those in the North Star Teaching School Alliance and review the situation as necessary.

## World Book Day

Everyone has really enjoyed World Book Day today and it has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm that the children have shown for reading. As well as dressing up as their favourite book character the children started the day with a special World Book Day assembly, there has been a book 'swap and drop' event and all classes have worked on the picture book "Journey" by Aaron Becker as well as other book related activities.

Each child should have bought a book taken home which can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day books or in part towards the cost of another book. For more reading ideas visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

## Royal Northern Sinfonia perform Peter and The Wolf live online!

While some of the children were busy with their superhero visitors the rest of the school watched a unique, live streamed performance by the Royal Northern Sinfonia. The orchestra performed Prokofiev's classic work for children, Peter and The Wolf, in an exclusive, online-only, performance, commissioned specifically for a school age audience.

The BBC's Ten Pieces is a great way of developing children's involvement with the classical repertoire <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04pc0j8>

## Netball

Well done to the Y5/6 children who took part in the Northallerton Schools Netball tournament and have qualified for the area finals which take place in Thirsk on Monday. We wish them lots of luck and look forward to hearing how they get on.



### **Outdoor Stage**

You may remember that last year we were awarded a grant through the Tesco Bags of Help scheme towards the construction of an outdoor stage area. Thanks to the hard work of Mr Wake and Mrs Jones and having had to go through a lot of paperwork the stage has finally been built on the school field. There are a few finishing touches to add but hopefully with some good weather ahead the children will be able to make use of this new opportunity at break times and lunchtimes as well as through their curriculum work.



### **School Calendar**

Please click on the following link for all up and coming events in school:

<http://romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/calendar/>

### **House Teams**

Each week the team points awarded by staff are added up and the winning team announced in our Friday assembly.

The scores so far are:

Red Dragons— 4

Blue Sharks— 3

Green Geckos— 5

Yellow Lions— 2

### **Date of Next Newsletter**

The next Newsletter will be w/c 13th March. Any contributions by lunchtime Tuesday 14th March 2017 please.